

Project Newsletter

Iowa Public Health Tracking

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Project milestones:

- November 2012 Data Warehouse System

 Replacement Project contract signed with Microsoft and Infusion
- November 2012 Project kickoff at IDPH
- January 2013 SharePoint 2013 installation
- February 2013 –Dashboard construction began
- July 2013 –
 Testing of dashboards for functionality began
- September 2013 Portal demonstrations begin and Iowa Public Health Tracking Program is launched
- October 2013 Demonstrations to local public health agencies begin. Users of the Data Warehouse are migrated over to the secure portal
- November 2013 The old Data Warehouse is no longer available and all previous users should be using the Public Health Tracking Portal

Project Update and Planning

- ➤ The first Data and Informatics Community of Practice meeting was held on Dec. 19. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month and will cover topics determined by the group.
- ➤ Meg Harris will be hosting the Data Training series again starting with the Basic Data Use training on Jan. 22.
- To learn more about the Public Health Tracking Program and view project updates, visit our website at: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/dwh/Updates.aspx

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Did You Miss the User Guide Webinar?

A link to the recording of the Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal: Orientation and User Guide Webinar that was originally broadcast on November 4, 2013 is now available on the **Training** Page on the Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal (http://pht.idph.state.ia.us). The Training Page is accessible by clicking on "Training" in the main navigation bar.

This recorded webinar will introduce users to navigation and features of the IPHT portal with emphasis on the User Manual as a reference guide. Additional sessions of this webinar were broadcast on November 6, and November 19.

Iowa Health Fact Book

The 2013 lowa Health Fact Book is now available and can be accessed here: http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/factbook/. The book was compiled as a collaborative effort between the University of Iowa, lowa Department of Public Health, and other partners. This is a great resource for demographics, vital statistics, incidence and mortality, social determinants of health, health resources, and environmental factors for the various counties in Iowa.

Data Training Series

Meg Harris from the Public Health Tracking team will be re-teaching the data use series for those who missed it the first time. These trainings are for anyone who encounters data or just wants to increase their knowledge of the subject. To register, contact Marilyn Alger, Education Coordinator (Marilyn Alger@idph.iowa.gov).

January 22 Basic Data Use

The purpose of this class is to provide a broad overview of basic data use in public health. The course is designed for anyone working in public health, regardless of whether interaction with data plays a major or minor role in your day-to-day functions. Several major changes in how data is provided, managed and accessed have been implemented, including new policies aimed at improving the way the department handles data. All staff are strongly encouraged to attend this overview of basic data use.

Time: 1:00-4:00 Location: Rooms 517-518

February 19 Advanced Data Use, Part 1

This course is intended for any department staff who have daily interactions with data. The class is formatted to facilitate a community of practice learning environment, where information is provided, but the focus is on sharing and identifying best practices for data use. The facilitator will review recent changes to department data management, including policies, data storage structure, accessibility, and use.

Time: 9:00-12:00 Location: Rooms 517-518

February 26 Advanced Data Use, Part 2

Time: 1:00-4:00 Location: Rooms 517-518